



JAMES E. MCGREEVEY
GOVERNOR

JACK LETTIERE
COMMISSIONER

May 19, 2004

Dear Mayor:

On behalf of Governor James E. McGreevey, I am pleased to announce that the *Fiscal Year 2005 Municipal Aid Program* is underway. The Governor and I are committed to improving and maintaining New Jersey's local transportation infrastructure by providing financial assistance through the Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act. This stable funding source is providing \$67.5 million for municipalities statewide, and an additional \$67.5 million to counties for county-based initiatives for 2005. In 2004, the Municipal Aid Program provided funds for 421 projects.

In addition to the Municipal Aid Program, I am encouraging municipalities to submit applications for the *Local Bikeway* and the *Safe Streets to Schools Programs*. The applications for the Bikeway Program and Safe Streets to Schools Program will be evaluated independently of the roadway projects, affording municipalities the opportunity to receive funding in more than one category.

The Transportation Trust Fund continues to be a major source of funding for transportation-related projects throughout the state, enabling communities to meet their transportation needs without increasing the burden of local property taxes.

Please use the current application which is available on-line at the NJ DOT Local Aid website <http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/business/localaid/> and through your Local Aid district office. The website lists the district offices and their telephone numbers. A separate application must be completed for each project and submitted to your Local Aid district office on or before July 30, 2004.

I look forward to working with your municipality. If you should have any questions regarding these programs, please contact your Local Aid district office or John Mycoff, Director of the Office of Community Relations at 609-530-2110.

Sincerely,

Jack Lettiere
Commissioner

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